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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-IRAN CONTACT

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning included a press conference on Tuesday by Prime Minister Aso, during which he expressed his intention to submit a supplementary budget to the current Diet session.

¶2. "Interests of U.S. and Iran Coincide?" The liberal Mainichi wrote from The Hague (4/1): "Representatives of the U.S. and Iran, whose relations have been broken off since 1980, were present at an international conference on the stabilization of Afghanistan on Tuesday in The Hague. Iran decided to take part in the U.S.-led meeting, as interests of Washington and Tehran in stabilizing the situation in Afghanistan coincide. However, many challenges, including the issue of Iran's nuclear development program, lie ahead for the two nations to drastically improve their relations."

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